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**Testimony of Rep. Mary Mushinsky (85<sup>th</sup>) in Support of HB 5612, An Act Concerning the Listing of Soy As An Ingredient in Foods, Prescription Drugs and Over The Counter Medications**

**Before the Public Health Committee**  
**Wednesday, February 27, 2013**

**10:30 a.m. in Room 1D**

**I support this bill on behalf of Bella Roudie, a constituent who suffered three months of illness, including nausea and fatigue severe enough to miss school, because she was having an adverse reaction to medicine containing a soy derivative. She contacted her doctor and pharmacy to see if soy was in the medication, but both said it was not listed in the ingredients. Only when her mother emailed the drug company did the family determine that the medication included an ingredient derived from soy. This finally explained Bella's months of unexplained illness.**

**When the patient has such difficult time finding critical information, and is so severely impacted by this lack of information, we must make the case for full disclosure to protect public health. Thank you for hearing this bill.**